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FOR AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL GENERAL FROM EAGLEBURGER

SUBJECT: INDOCHINA WATCHERS IN BANGKOK AND HONGKONG

SYDNEY FOR HABIB

1. PLEASE ADVISE US WHETHER EMBASSY BANGKOK NEEDS AN OFFICER IN ADDITION TO CARNEY TO HANDLE REPORTING ON CAMBODIA. IF SO GIVE US SOME DETAILED JUSTIFICATION. DEPARTMENT PLANS ASSIGN ONE OFFICER TO REPORT ON VIET-NAM DEVELOPMENTS PLUS ONE SECRETARY. WE WOULD LIKE TO START WITH TOTAL OF TWO OFFICERS COVERING ALL OF INDOCHINA WATCHING AND SEE HOW FURTHER NEEDS DEVELOP. GIVE US YOUR REACTION.

2. FOR HONG KONG: HOW USEFUL WOULD IT BE TO ASSIGN A VIET-NAM WATCHER TO CONGEN HONG KONG? KISSINGER

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